

COMING FAST,
'MOST HERERoosevelt's Ship 310 Miles
East of Sable Island

AT SIX O'CLOCK A. M. TODAY

Wireless Message from the Kaiserin,
Received To-day, Says She Is
Running on Scheduled
Time.

New York, June 16.—A wireless message from the Kaiserin says that at 6 o'clock this morning she was 310 miles east of Sable Island, running on schedule. The ship's wireless instruments are flooded with messages from Roosevelt. It is expected that Saturday's Roosevelt program will be completed at 1:30, when he will lunch with Douglas Robinson before going to Oyster Bay. Mayor Gaynor says he will welcome the colored bride, and Roosevelt emphatically says that he will have only a few words to say.

STOREKEEPER SHOT
IN HIS DOORWAYProvidence Man, Aged 54, Years, Killed
and His Slayer Committed Suicide When Cornered Last
Night.

Providence, R. I., June 16.—Joseph Novorotski, aged 54 years, a second-hand clothing dealer, was shot and killed in the door of his store on South Main street last night. His supposed murderer fled to the cellar, where, after an exchange of shots with several police officers and an attempt to drop him by the fire department, he committed suicide by shooting. A rent receipt found on the dead man was made out to Fred Leclair.

The body of the storekeeper was found just inside of the door, with two bullet wounds in the forehead. Following the shots Police Officer Patrick Rieland and Inspector Allen and Maguire started to investigate. Before they reached the door several more shots rang out from the cellar below, one bullet cutting a hole through the helmet of officer Blessing, without injuring him. Three shots were fired from the cellar and the officers returned the fire.

Resolved to take no further chances, the fire department was summoned. A stream of water was used into the cellar window for nearly half an hour, after which the officers cautiously made their way below, where the body of a young man was found on the floor, half floating in the water. A bullet wound and powder marks on his forehead and a revolver by his side showed that he had committed suicide.

The man appeared to be about 25 or 30 years old. In his pockets was found a receipt for room rent at the Providence hotel, which expired yesterday, made out to Fred Leclair. Further than this there was no means of identifying the dead man. Novorotski was 54 years old and had a wife and five children.

No motive for the deed is known except robbery.

HER BODY FOUND.

Mrs. Frank O'Brien, Missing Since Friday,
In Pond.

Lincoln, R. I., June 16.—While swimming in Scott's pond here late yesterday, William Beck discovered the body of Mrs. Frank O'Brien, who disappeared from her home last Friday.

The woman had been in ill health for some time and committed suicide, it is believed, as a result of her worry. She leaves a husband and five children.

STREET CAR COLLISION.

Kills Conductor and Seriously Wounds
Woman Passenger.

Pawtucket, R. I., June 16.—A collision of two street cars on Broadway last night resulted in the killing of Frank Simmons, a conductor, and serious injuries to one woman passenger. Mrs. Joseph Blodgett of Attleboro Falls, Simmons was 45 years of age and unmarried and lived in Attleboro.

COMING TO VERMONT.

Admiral Dewey Will Pass His Vacation
at Woodstock.

Washington, June 16.—Admiral Dewey called at the navy department yesterday to say goodbye to Sec. Meyer preparatory to leaving Washington for his annual vacation, which he will spend at Woodstock, Vt., with Mrs. Dewey.

In a collision between an automobile and a milk wagon between Pittsford and Waterbury Monday, the milk wagon got the worst of it. The machine was owned by the Vermont Marble company and driven by W. H. Squire. The chauffeur was pinned under the car, but not seriously hurt. Paymaster Earle Whitaker was pitched out of the car, but was not injured, and Harry P. Powers, the other occupant, was sent rolling along the road.

The Middlebury selectmen have called a special town meeting for Saturday, June 25, to vote on an appropriation for the highway to the amount of \$250. At the annual meeting in March, Col. Joseph Battell offered to pay \$300 if the town would not accept state aid to that amount and his proposition was accepted. It now appears that there was nothing in the call for the annual meeting warranting the expenditure of money coming in this way and a special meeting is called with a proper article in the warrant to remedy this defect.

ENGINES COLLIDED
KILLING ONE MANWild Engine and Rutland Railroad
Southbound Freight Came Together.
Near South Shaftsbury.

Bennington, June 16.—One man was instantly killed and two others seriously injured in a head-on collision between a wild engine northbound and a freight southbound about one and a half miles north of South Shaftsbury yesterday afternoon.

The dead man is Edward Coffin of Rutland, freeman on the freight engine, whose skull was fractured. Thomas Man, in charge of the wild engine, was hurt internally and may not survive, and Benjamin Lewis, freeman of the freight engine, a badly mangled leg and is in a serious condition. Both are from Bennington. Coffin was 27 years old and leaves a wife and one child.

The engine appeared to be a curve when the freight and the free engine were running rapidly. Both crews scaped the situation in time to jump from their machines. The impact reduced the engines to scrap iron. The wild locomotive was carried back a hundred yards, the track being torn up for that distance. Many of the freight cars were smashed to kindling wood and the track was placed in such condition that it was necessary to carry passengers by throughout the day.

It is supposed that the accident happened from a misunderstanding of orders on the part of the man in the wild engine. He was supposed to pass the freight at South Shaftsbury, but it is thought that he understood the meeting place to be Shaftsbury.

BURLINGTON MAN KILLED.

John Minahan Run Over by Train at
Plattsburgh, N. Y.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., June 16.—John Minahan of Burlington died at the hospital here yesterday as the result of injuries received while trying to jump a freight train. With his brother Neil, he came to Port Kent Tuesday night on the steamer and yesterday walked to Plattsburgh. They stopped before the Plattsburgh Lumber company's yard and Neil had jumped on a moving freight train. John, in attempting to follow his brother, fell between the cars and both legs were cut off below the knees.

Neil got a rope and tried to bind up his brother's wounds and a physician was summoned by a passerby. The injured man was hurried to the new city hospital, which has not yet been opened, and died there in about an hour.

John Minahan was 32 years old. Beside the brother mentioned in the foregoing dispatch, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. W. D. Besette of Burlington, a brother, William, of Newport, N. H., and a sister, Nellie.

JEEF-JOHNSON FIGHT
JULY 4 SOMEWHEREPreparations Made for Quick Move If
Necessary—Johnson's Backers Sure
He Will Win If Fight Is In
Reno.

Rowandeanan, Cal., June 16.—Jeffries and his entire staff are preparing to make a quick trip to Nevada or wherever Richard decides to stage the fight, in case there is no way to dodge the governor's mandate of yesterday. Attorney General Webb will render his decision to-night as to whether or not the proposed struggle would be called a prize fight or boxing contest. If the latter, the fight will go on here and Jeff's party is hoping for that, and also banking on Mayor McCarthy, who is rushing west, declaring that the fight shall go on.

Jeff says he will stick to Richard and fight July 4, no matter where, and Johnson talks the same way. His backers say that if the fight goes to Reno, "the snake" will become acclimated quicker than Jeffries and office on the latter will drop.

Business and sporting men of the city, who expected to profit by the fight, are exerting a tremendous pressure to have Governor Gilbert rescind his order or to have attorney general Webb decide that the law does not permit him to stop the fight. If the order is carried out, the fight will probably go to Reno, which is just across the California line. Nevada cities would like the scrap, also Salt Lake City. It was announced to the United Press today that Richard and Johnson will not make the fight from Reno without a fight. Gibson said: "We have not violated the law and don't intend to. It looks to us as if the fight would take place here, as planned. We don't believe it can be stopped." Richard said: "There is still a chance that the fight may be here and we intend to fight for our own rights. It beater we will go to Nevada, but it is believed that we will stay here."

SERIOUS SITUATION
CONFRONTS COUNTRYNo Less Than Five Hundred Have Al-
ready Perished in Flood—Hun-
dreds More Await Relief
or Death.

Berlin, Germany, June 16.—Reports from Belgrade say that from two to four hundred are dead in the flooded Morava valley, where King Peter personally is directing relief. Thousands are still food starved and hundreds will drown or die of exposure, unless they have quick relief. Berlin dispatches say that all the lowlands of western Switzerland are submerged. There are many landslides and no list of the dead has yet been made. Budapest says that eighty were drowned in the overflowing river Neva. In the Ahr valley in Germany, the death list will reach 150. The river Ahrer at Oberammergau is falling, and the marooned Americans are expected to be able to leave tomorrow. Havanah, north of Ercium, in Asia Minor, flooded and 400 persons have been drowned.

OFFICERS
NAMED TODAYBringing State Congregational
Convention to a Close

REV. J. S. MILLS PRESIDENT

Convention at Montpelier Adopts Resolu-
tions Favoring Referendum on Liquor.
Question—Other Doings of the
Closing Hours.

The closing session of the Vermont State Congregational convention was held in Bethany church in Montpelier this forenoon when officers were elected and other matters of business pertaining to the association were transacted.

Officers elected today were as follows: President, Rev. J. S. Mills of Bennington; vice president, C. C. Pitta of Brattleboro; secretary, Rev. W. C. Clark of Barre; corresponding secretary, John M. Comstock of Chelsea; treasurer, Deacon David M. Camp of Newport; auditors, C. C. Clark of St. Johnsbury and C. E. Barnes of Newbury. Also, Henry Fairbanks of St. Johnsbury, C. W. Osgood of Bellows Falls, W. J. VanPatten of Burlington, Rev. H. H. Ball of Fair Haven and Rev. C. A. Smith of Pittsford.

Rev. L. O. Sherburne, secretary of the Vermont Bible society, reported to-day on the work of his organization during the past year.

Yesterday Treasurer D. M. Camp of Newport reported that the total amount received during the year was \$1,069.14, disbursements, \$680.58, with cash on hand of \$378.56, while there is due from associations, \$402.75. Mr. Camp asked that, owing to a press of other duties, he might be released from the office of treasurer, which he has held for twenty or more years.

The convention, in resolutions, went on record as considering the present liquor law unsatisfactory and favoring a referendum, looking toward statewide prohibition. Other specifications in the resolutions were that the rules of the convention seemed to be rather antiquated and it was suggested that a committee be appointed to revise them and report at the next meeting. There were also customary resolutions of thanks and an expression of fraternal relations was sent to the Episcopalians, in session in the same city at the same time.

Vermont Domestic Missionary Society.

The convention adjourned today to permit the holding of the annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary society. The report of treasurer John Phelps of St. Johnsbury showed that from churches and individuals, \$4,027.75 has been received and the total receipts amount to \$7,046.51, with an added balance of \$223.09, making a total of \$7,270.11. There is an increase in every item save that of legacies. Present cash on hand, \$147.51.

Rev. C. H. Merrill of St. Johnsbury, secretary, reported that the year had been one of marked progress, two new churches having been added, membership has been increasing, some of the churches have become self supporting, pastor's salaries have been increased and successful work has been done in the outlying districts. Of 212 fields, 188 contributed to home missions.

Rev. W. R. Stewart of Montpelier spoke on "One New Church and Field Work" and Rev. Norton W. Hale of Bridgewater took for his theme, "The Pastor and His Outlying Fields." Miss Helen M. Jones of Bridgewater spoke on "District Visitation and Revival Work," in which she is actively engaged, and Miss Martha A. Brooks of St. Johnsbury, who is engaged in the same work, gave her "Missionary Experience." The last speaker was Rev. C. C. Clark of Montpelier, whose topic was "The Pastor's Opportunity for Service."

Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. Henry Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury; vice president, Deacon N. C. Williams and Rev. Charles S. Adams; board of directors for three years: Rev. V. M. Hardy of Montpelier; H. J. Gitchell, Montpelier; Rev. C. H. Smith, Pittsford; Rev. G. S. Mills, Bennington.

Directors of Congregational Home Missions society for three years, Prof. C. H. Wright, Middlebury; Rev. C. H. Smith, Pittsford, for one year, to fill vacancy, Rev. Benjamin Swift, Woodstock.

the address of the evening, taking for a topic "The Corporation of Jesus."

EPISCOPAL SESSION
IN MONPELIEROpened in Montpelier Yesterday After-
noon—This Is the 120th An-
nual Convention of the
Diocese.

The first business session of the 120th annual convention of the diocese of Vermont was held yesterday morning at Christ church in Montpelier, with 24 members of the clergy and 48 lay delegates answering the roll call, following which Dr. Rev. A. C. A. Hall gave his fraternal address. A letter expressing fraternal relations, sent by the Congregational convention in session in the diocese of Massachusetts, Rev. A. A. March has been read and a similar one returned from the Episcopal convention to the Congregational.

In the past year there have been twelve changes in the clergy of the diocese, seven removals and five new members admitted as follows:

Rev. Thomas H. Oakford, from Lenoxville to the diocese of Eastern; Rev. George S. Menade, who has also served at Lenoxville, has gone to the diocese of Maryland; the Rev. Charles S. Lewis has resigned from Woodstock and has been transferred to the diocese of Chicago; Rev. James M. A. Thompson has gone from St. Johnsbury to the diocese of Massachusetts; Rev. A. A. March has been transferred from Newport and North Troy to the diocese of Western New York; Rev. Charles N. Morris goes from Chelsea to the diocese of Albany; Rev. Charles E. Carpenter has left Brandon and goes to the diocese of New York. The clergy were received by letters of introduction from Rev. Frank DeVries, Miller from the diocese of Pittsburgh to Island Pond; Albert C. Larned from Whitehall, Eng. diocese to Newport and North Troy; Rev. Alfred Poole Grant from the diocese of Connecticut to St. Johnsbury; Rev. Robert Lath, Lynch from the Massachusetts diocese to Woodstock; Rev. John C. Staphenous, who has assisted at several parishes, has accepted the rectory at East Berkshire.

Three candidates are studying for holy orders and will be ordained in the next three succeeding years. In September it is expected to start the first deaconess in this diocese.

Last year the diocese had 412 parishes and this year 311, the largest number being in Burlington, numbering 34, followed by Westchester, where there were 28. Montpelier had 15, Barre 8, Northfield 4, Hardwick and Morrisville 3, each, Fairlee 2 and Waterbury 1. During the year, the bishop has called upon each parish at least once and in some cases several times. Two churches have been consecrated during the year, St. Peter's at Bennington and Holy Trinity at Swanton. A new parish house has been built at Westchester. A new parsonage at White River Junction and a rectory at East Berkshire have also been built. Six new homes have been secured for new buildings at Barton and Concord and the church at Bellows Falls has been re-decorated. St. Paul's church in Burlington met with a severe loss in the burning of its parish house. The resources of the diocese have been increased over \$40,000 in the last year, but the increase in the endowment of the diocese is small.

Dr. George V. Bliss of Burlington made an extensive report, covering the movement and appointment field, followed by a discussion, after which an amendment to the constitution was offered, but this was laid upon the table for discussion at the next convention. Some of the larger assemblies named for the ensuing year are: Barre, \$31.84; Montpelier \$71.70; Burlington \$176.62; Northfield \$10.45; Rutland \$102.42; St. Albans \$72.63; St. Johnsbury \$30.02.

J. A. DeBoer of Montpelier read the report of the trustees of the Episcopal fund and made the motion, which was voted that the fund be increased from \$50,000 to \$40,000 a year.

George Briggs of Montpelier was reappointed as trustee of the diocese for the term of five years. Hon. E. J. Ormsbee of Brandon was appointed to succeed himself as legal advisor to the ecclesiastical council. The board of ecclesiastical affairs was reappointed as follows: Revs. G. Y. Bliss of Burlington, D. L. Sanford of Hardwick, C. W. Cole of Windsor and S. H. Watkins of St. Albans. Rev. F. B. Leach of Rutland was reappointed to the Sunday school commission as was also C. D. Stearns, while Rev. A. P. Grant was elected to succeed him as secretary of the diocese.

The general situation, as regards missions, is good according to the report of Rev. Philip Schuyler of Burlington, and the committee was able to get through the year without a debt balance, owing to an extra \$10,000. Dr. L. A. Sanford read his report as discussed by the committee, and Rev. Mr. Davis, secretary of the New England Board of Missions, spoke for that board. The call this year is for \$84,000, and this will be a heavier burden than last year. Rev. A. C. Larned of Newport made a plea for the support of the mission work in Barton. In one of the missionary reports the sum of \$2,000 was asked and a discussion on the subject led to a spirited debate, which was finally settled by voting that the missionary committee raise the sum, it being left to their discretion as to the manner of doing it.

Opened with Reception.

Vermont Assembly of the Woman's Re-
lief Corps in Montpelier.

The Vermont assembly of the Woman's Relief corps is holding its annual convention at Montpelier, having been opened last night with a reception in the parlors of the Pavilion hotel. Mrs. E. S. Rigging of Randolph, the retiring state president, was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Edna L. Jernett of Swanton, Mrs. R. Louise Holman and Mrs. Lucinda E. Cleveland of Randolph, Mrs. Stoughton of Elyria, Mrs. Emma A. Lapoint of Barre, Mrs. Florence Gates of Swanton, Mrs. Mary B. Goodwin and Mrs. Kate D. Lee of Wells River, Mrs. Nellie Synthe of St. Johnsbury, Mrs. Clara B. Niles of Morrisville, Mrs. Ella Roberts of Montpelier, Mrs. Phyllis Lamon of Brattleboro, Mrs. Hugh Henry of Chester and Mrs. Mary C. Bookwith of Ludlow, all state officers of the Woman's Relief corps. Retiring Commander A. R. Franklin of Townshend and staff assisted the ladies. Refreshments were served. The affair which was informal in character, was largely attended.

INTRUDER
HAD A GUNTried To Enter President's
Private Office

HE SAID TAFT WANTED HIM

Noticing His Nervous Actions, the Door-
keeper Called a Detective Ser-
geant, Who Disarmed
the Man.

Washington, D. C., June 16.—Armed with a big gun, James Stricklin of Cumberland, Missouri, a miner, almost succeeded in entering President Taft's office. Stricklin, who was well dressed, walked briskly in and announced that he had an appointment. Just as the doorkeeper was about to open the door, he noticed that the man was nervous, and so the doorkeeper called a detective sergeant, who searched him and found a gun on the man's person.

Stricklin, who was evidently insane, said that President Taft had been advertising for him in West Virginia papers and that he came to the White House in answer to them.

President Taft returned this morning from his trip to Marietta, Ohio, where he spoke yesterday at the graduation exercises of Marietta college.

PRESIDENT SCORED IN ADDRESS.

Chicago Professor Calls Him Tolerant, Weak, Well-Intentioned Failure.

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Weak, Well-Intentioned Failure.

Des Moines, Ia., June 16.—President Taft was today scored by Prof. Lawrence Loughlin of Chicago university in addressing the graduates of Drake university. The professor, at no time easy, made it clear whom he meant, "Roosevelt," he said, "even the hearts of the people by taking them into his confidence and by standing strongly against selfish and corrupt practices. On the other hand is a man who stands out in sharp contrast. He is weak in moral courage and listens to the voices of the selfish interests. He is a tolerant, weak, well-intentioned failure."

ORDER FOR CHANGE
OF WIRE SYSTEMPublic Service Commission Is Inclined
to Give Nine Companies Some
Time to Complete the
Work.

The Vermont public service commission has issued order No. 149 relating to the improvement in the wire system in Barre and Montpelier. The petition was brought by Benjamin Gates at the suggestion of the public service commission. The respondents are the Consolidated Lighting company, Vermont Power & Light company, Vermont Telephone & Telegraph company and Corry-Devitt-Frost Electric company. Later the New England Telephone & Telegraph company and the Barre & Montpelier Traction & Power company and Moody & Almon became parties to the petition.

The commission after two hearings on the matter found that the existing system was very unsafe both as to the public and danger to workmen repairing the lines. The commission also found that it would be unjust to ask the corporations interested to place their wires underground as the estimated cost for the system was placed at \$40,000. The expense involved by the commission prepared specifications of a new system of wiring which has been accepted by all the parties, except Moody & Almon.

The expense has been apportioned by contract so the commission has made no order regarding it. Only part of the order is to be executed this year and the remainder to be finished by a year more, until the whole plan is completed.

By agreement of all parties and by consent of C. D. Jarvis, assistant engineer of the New England Telephone & Telegraph company, the commission has appointed him as superintendent and all work will be done under his direction and supervision. This order is an extensive one, filling 556 pages of typewritten matter, probably the largest piece of work of the kind that the commission will be called upon to do.

Mr. Seaver's Letter to Mr. Beard.

Lewis M. Seaver of Williamstown, a candidate for senator in Orange county, has sent a letter to R. E. Beard of Orange, in reply to the latter's letter in yesterday's paper, a copy of which is as follows:—

[Copy.]
Williamstown, Vt., June 15, 1910.
Mr. R. E. Beard,
Orange, Vt.

My Dear Sir: Noticing your communication in this evening's Times, closely followed by one from Mr. Frank Haynes on the same subject, beg to say perhaps it may be my imagination, but I thought Mr. Haynes rather intimated that there was something wrong over here and that the article in last night's Times originated here, and I wish to assure you that such is not the case.

LILLIE-PEER.

Pretty Wedding at the Church of the
Good Shepherd Last Evening.

The wedding of Miss Henrietta May Peer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Peer of Circle street, to William Cameron Lillie took place in the Church of the Good Shepherd last evening at seven o'clock, the pastor, Rev. W. J. M. Beale, officiating. The single ring service was used. Robert Mackay acted as best man, while the bride was attended by one bridesmaid, her sister, Miss Jeanette Peer. The wedding march was played by Urie Lehoureau, who also rendered several other selections during the ceremony.

The bride was becomingly gowned in white tulle de chine over tulle, made on train, with panel of lace at right side, and wore a white veil. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses and ferns. The bridesmaid's dress was of blue silk, and she wore a picture hat. The ushers were Harry Dale of Boston and George Mackay of this city.

The church was prettily decorated with white daisies and ferns, the trimming being the work of the members of the altar guild.

Immediately after the ceremony, a reception for the newly married couple was held at the home of the bride's parents on Circle street, and the house decorations of wild flowers and ferns were tastefully arranged. After a short program of musical numbers had been rendered, dainty refreshments, consisting of ice cream and cake and punch and wafers, were served by four little girls, Gertrude Dale, Violet Lillie, Mildred Peer and Bertha Dale. Robert Mackay acted as the breaking of the wedding cake. The groom's present to the bride was a brooch pin and to his best man a jeweled scarf pin.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lillie are well and favorably known in this city, the former having been employed for some time as a carver in the granite works of Marr & Gordon, while, up to within a short time, the bride has been employed in Vaughan's dry goods store. A host of valuable and useful presents, including silver, cut glass, furniture, linen and china, reflected the esteem in which the young couple is held.

Mr. and Mrs. Lillie left last night on their honeymoon to various points in Massachusetts and will be at home after July 10, at 84 Circle street.

CLODBURST HIT
IN WILLIAMSTOWNTremendous Downpour of Water Last
Evening—Railstones as Big as
Robins' Eggs Fell
Also.

Certain sections of Williamstown were deluged late yesterday by the worst storm in a great many years, and considerable damage was done by rushing water and by hailstones, some of which were as big as robins' eggs, according to people who know. It was a peculiar storm, too. First it rained heavily. Then it stopped very suddenly. After half an hour, the rain came again in great sheets, like unto a cloudburst, and mixed in were great hailstones, that cut tender cabbage leaves and other produce.

One culvert on the Williamstown-Granville road was washed out by the deluge of water which came down a stream which runs dry in summer. This culvert was located near the place of C. A. Dickinson. Roads were badly killed.

The same storm hit this city quite heavily from 6:45 to 7 o'clock, the streets being temporarily flooded.

BATCHELDER MAY
HAVE WHIP HANDIf He Gets the Unpledged Bennington
County Delegates, He Will Have
About 80 Votes in the Repub-
lican Convention.

If the unpledged delegates from Bennington county to the Republican state convention should cast their votes for Batchelder, a Bennington county candidate, it would give Batchelder about thirty votes from that county, which, added to the 45 in Windham county which are conceded to him, would make about 80 votes in the convention. Three other votes are for Haggood of Bennington and six are for G. W. Gates of Franklin. Batchelder may have the balance of power in the convention and may be able to do some dictating, although there are over one hundred delegates whose preferences have not been divulged.

The claims of the two leading candidates, Mead and Fleetwood, have not been materially changed from yesterday, when Mead said he expected 333 and Fleetwood 300.

Big Claim by Mead.

The John A. Mead club of Rutland this afternoon gave out the following announcement:—"Trustworthy reports up to one this afternoon give Mead 307 delegates and 95 to hear from."

(Signed) "John A. Mead Club."

SEYLER FAMILY
AGAIN IN LIMELIGHTJasper Seyler, Aged 22, Shot by His
Father and Latter Claims It Was
an Accident.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 16.—Jasper Seyler, aged 22 years, a brother of William Seyler, recently acquitted of the charge of having murdered James Adams, was probably fatally shot in the Seyler home here last night, by Peter Seyler, his father.

A bullet from a heavy revolver struck Jasper in the left breast, and while the bullet has been removed, surgeons fear that an artery has been cut and that he will die.

Peter Seyler has been arrested, charged with the shooting, which he claims was accidental, and William Seyler is in jail as a witness.

BOLT KILLED
BALL PLAYERAnd Knocked Another Un-
conscious Late Yesterday

TOM COMMISSKEY VICTIM

Well-known Athlete and Querrymen Met
Death from Lightning at Gaseley's
Park; John McAulay Marked.
They Stood Under Tree.

Thomas Commisskey was instantly killed and John McAulay was seriously injured by lightning, which struck a hemlock tree under which they had taken shelter at Gaseley's park, Granvilleville, when the "Free Booters" baseball team had been driven from the diamond by the shower early last evening. Commisskey was one of the pitchers and McAulay was an outfielder on the team. When the lightning tore through Commisskey's body, it imprinted a perfectly shaped tree on his right breast, besides making a mark on the right leg. McAulay's back was marked. He was knocked senseless, but is somewhat improved to-day.

The fatality occurred shortly before six o'clock. The "Free Booters," a team composed largely of workmen in the quarries, had been out on the baseball grounds for the usual practice, which was cut short by the coming of the shower. The players scattered and hurried home. Commisskey and McAulay being the last to leave. All the others reached home, and knew nothing of the fate of their fellows until an hour later, when McAulay was seen staggering up the street, the rim of his straw hat torn off and otherwise disheveled.

McAulay reached the house of Allen McClellan, where he boarded, and he there fell into McClellan's arms. He was unable to speak for some time, but finally he partially recovered and was able to say that there was another man under the tree. That was about all the information he was able to impart, and, starting on that clue, searchers went out to the Gaseley woods. They found no one there and started to return, when they ran across Commisskey's body, lying face downward under a hemlock tree, a short distance out of the main woods. The selectmen and town health officer were called and the remains were removed from the field. Death was probably instantaneous. It is thought that the man had been standing with his back to the tree and that McAulay stood a little farther away.

The latter who is under the care of Dr. C. L. T. Hayes, was able to tell more about the affair to-day. He said that they were standing under the tree when the bolt hit and that he was lying on the ground, though he thought that he was not hurt. Then, partially getting his senses, he tried to rise to his feet and fell. Recovering later, he got up and stood braced against the tree, and he remembered trying to reach the other man's body with his foot. Then something of the nature of the cause came over him, and he sought only of getting away from the tree. So he started forth, zigzagging his way home, going through a quarry, the passage of which would ordinarily require a man in his full senses to get through. McAulay says to-day he doesn't know how he got through the quarry, but he recalls grasping every rock and dragging himself along. It is expected that he will recover.

The hemlock tree shows the course of the lightning, starting at the top and tearing its way down and leaving a clear mark to where the current branched off and struck the two men. A bruise over Commisskey's left eye was probably caused by the fall. B. W. Hooker & Co.'s ambulance was called from this city to carry the remains home.

Commisskey lived with his brother-in-law, John Finnegan, having been there nearly all the seventeen years of his residence at the quarries. The dead man was 38 years of age and unmarried. He was born in Port Henry, Pa., and he leaves his mother, Mrs. Ann Commisskey, and one brother, Barney, and one sister, Mrs. Ann Kittick, in Millinocket, Maine; a sister, Mrs. John Cleary, in Claremont, N. H., and a sister, Mrs. John Finnegan, in Granvilleville.

He had worked for Rutland, Mills & Varnum as a quarryman for many years and prior to that was with the Wilmore & Morse company. He was a star ball player in former years and was for many years the mainstay of the Granvilleville team in the pitcher's position. He was a man of good physique, but today his pitching arm and legs so far from him, and he was playing in the outfield on the team. He was very popular with Granvilleville people.

In Robert Emmett court, Catholic Order of Foresters, he was one of the charter members, and he was also a member of the Granvilleville Division of Ancient Order of Hibernians.

WEDDING GUESTS SURPRISED

When Bride's Mother Stepped Out to
Be Married Also.

Burlington, June 16.—Wedding guests at the reception, which followed the marriage yesterday at the First Baptist church of George Houghton Wright of Springfield, Mass., and Miss Viola Johnson of this city, had a surprise when the officiating clergyman, Rev. F. D. Berry, also married the bride's mother, Mrs. Mattie Johnson and Fred M. Gould a popular shoe merchant of this city.

The latter wedding was supposed to come off a few months later. Nobody but the closest friends knew of the change of plans. The two couples will have their honeymoon together.

Edward Smith of Cabot is a business visitor in the city to-day.